

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES.

Recent Social Events in Topeka and Vicinity.

GENERAL NOTES OF SOCIETY.

Personal Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Miss Nellie Cunningham, a teacher in the Wichita schools, is spending Christmas with her mother in Topeka. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunlap are in Kansas City.

Miss Emma White came over from Lawrence to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Reed.

Mr. A. J. Wiley of Denver is the guest of relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Van Houten will entertain their daughters, Mrs. Will Thropp of Chicago and Mrs. C. U. Phille of Chicago and their respective husbands during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hamilton entertained at cards Saturday evening.

The Quil Vase club will give a masquerade party at 1223 Western avenue on Friday evening.

The children's ball to be given by the Harmony club on the evening of December 26, promises to be a most enjoyable affair.

Miss Blanche Dieast is entertaining Miss Lou Taylor of Leavenworth.

Miss Phil Reed returned from a visit of several days in Lawrence.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Thompson and family are visiting in Kansas City.

Miss Marion McFarland, who has been the guest of her uncle and aunt, Judge and Mrs. N. C. McFarland, returned to her home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, today.

Miss Harriet Rolfe of Beloit, Wis., who has been visiting Atchison friends, is the guest of Miss Rosamond Horton, and will remain till after New Year's.

Miss Mary Nichols and Miss Jane Richardson of Bethany college are at their home in St. Joseph for the Christmas vacation.

The C. O. D. club, consisting of the following young ladies, Misses Ada Conkle, Margaret and Kathryn Collier, Marie and Kathryn Watkins, Edna Parkhurst and Hallie Hamrick, will receive New Year's calls at the home of the former, 1016 North Quincy street, from 2 until 5 o'clock. No cards.

A pleasant society event occurred near Grantville at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Oden, on Friday evening, in honor of their youngest son, Thos. H. Oden. They were assisted by Mrs. Robert Rolling. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards. Among those present were the Misses Annie How, Viola Jordan, Emma Moss, Nannie Fort, Sadie Hughes, Cora and Gertrude Merrill, Ada and Annie Buckner, Minnie Beard, Carrie, Frankie and Walter Crockett; Messrs. Robert Turner, W. Smart, J. Jordan, L. Lumpkins, Nelson Fisher, Marcus Owen, Elmer Slaughter, Thomas McAdoo, Major Brown, C. C. Daniel, C. Robbins, Fred Buckner, and George Reynolds; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolling, and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Oden. Luncheon was served at 11:30. Music was furnished by George Wear's mandolin club.

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ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.

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A Remarkable Achievement in Rail-road Affairs.

Was the running of the Exposition flyer, the famous twenty-four train between Chicago and New York, via the Lake Shore route, in service during the World's fair. A handsome litho-water-color of this train may be secured by sending ten cents in silver to C. K. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago.

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PRA-TLE ABOUT PLAYWRIGHTS.

"La Sorciere" is the title of a new play upon which Sardou is at work. Miss Rosabel Morrison has received the scenario of a new comedy intended for her use, entitled "Little Miss Mophisto."

Sedley Brown has written a new curtain raiser called "The Great Mogul," which Gustave Frohman is now playing with his western "Jane" company.

Owing to the success of Walter Craven's comedy, "An Innocent Abroad," the English version of "The Fabricator," he will remain in London this winter.

Jerry Herzell, author of "Justice at Last," has written a melodrama entitled "Sworn to Silence; or, Partner in Crime," which is praised by those who have read it.

The arrangement of Browning's "Colombe's Birthday" by Rose Eytinge and S. Ada Fisher, presented by Julia Marlowe-Taber, proved to be a very successful effort in all respects.

David H. Scully's play, "Special Delivery," deals with the life of a letter carrier, and four of the five acts are laid in Harlem, while the other takes place in the New York postoffice.

Edward Paulton received a cablegram announcing the success of the comedy entitled "The Locket; or, A World of Trouble," at its initial performance at the Grand theater, Birmingham, England.

Robert Hilliard has dramatized Richard Harding Davis' "Her First Appearance" under the title "Littlest Girl," and will be seen as Van Bibber when the play is given at Cleveland as a curtain raiser.

"The Wandering Jew," a dramatization of Eugene Sue's novel, by Nelson Wheatcroft and George Backus, made expressly for William Morris, will be presented with that actor in the part of Dagobert in Rochester in February.

TURF TOPICS.

Galveston is to have a new trotting track.

M. F. Dwyer is reported to have lost \$45,000 in one week at St. Asaph.

Felix Carr, the Chicago jockey, rode four winners in one day in San Francisco recently.

Such jockeys as Doggett, Sloan, Perkins and Marty Bergen invariably use the pneumatic saddle.

Exclusive of the trotting turf and the county fairs \$1,000,000 was given to horsemen in stakes and purses in the United States during 1894.

Canadian turfmen are jubilant over the racing situation in New York, as they consider that it will greatly benefit the sport north of the St. Lawrence.

First Light at 100 to 1 at St. Asaph attracted the attention of a Washington photographer and he placed \$20 on him. Photos should be cheap while that \$2,000 lasts.

J. B. Haggin, having lost Maxim, is trying to purchase another son of Muskot in the antipodes. It is Contrassier, b. h. 1885, by Muskot, out of Frailty, and full brother to Trenton.

"The education of the horse," says E. L. Anderson in Curb, Saddle and Spur, "cannot be begun too early. There is no reason why a yearling should not be as thoroughly disciplined as an old school horse, and the early training will last during the life of the animal."

THE FASHION PLATE.

"Brownie" toques are the rage for the children.

This season the choice between the cape and the coat is merely a matter of taste, each being equally fashionable.

Some of the coat fronts of the new Alix redingote have fur edged basques that open on a vest of the skirt material.

Lace and embroidered chiffon are prodigally used for decorating the bodices of evening toilets of every description.

The rose and rosebud shades, used separately or in combination, have lost none of their popularity. On the contrary, they appear to gain in favor continually.

Lisene, the new rainproof silk seal that closely imitates sealskin in its appearance, is a valuable and elegant addition to the fabrics for winter capes and coats.

Accordion plaited skirts in silk, liberty satin, chiffon and net are still very fashionable. Some of these show two or three rows of rather wide moire ribbon carried in and out the meshes as a border.

Some smart looking tailor made walking coats formed of dark military blue cloth are trimmed with a single row of flat gold braid and fastened with handsome buttons of gold and blue enamel.—New York Post.

NOVELTIES.

Belt pins for the back of the dress have made for themselves a substantial place.

The ezarina skin goes on conquering and to conquer. The wealth and Italian forms, with their foliations, prevail.

Umbrella handles are sword hilt shape—that is to say, flat and slightly convex and overlaid with silver ornaments.

Silver process work prevails on everything to which it is possible to apply it. Silver on white, it is noticed, is more artistic in effect than on colors.

There have been unusual displays of leather goods during the past week. Soft ivory tones prevail. These goods are bound in silver, frequently touched with enamel.

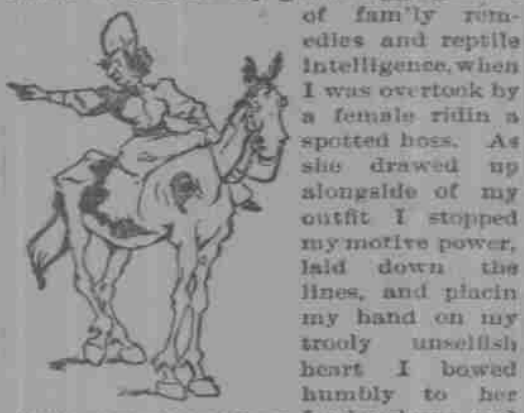
Large cut glass punch bowls mounted in silver have medallions with engraved ornament in relief. The designs are pertinent to the office of the bowl. They are a decided acquisition.—Jewellers' Circular.

JOE MEETS A FEMALE.

SHE IS MOUNTED ON A SPOTTED HORSE AND ISN'T PARTICULAR.

But When He Sees Her Love She Turns on Him, and Jumpin' Joe Is Kept In Considerable Suspense For a Time—A Narrow Escape.

I was gradually closing in on the patriotic young town of Jubilee, when I was billed to exhibit my grand aggregation of family romances and reptile intelligence, when I was overtaken by a female ridin' a spotted horse. As she drew up alongside of my outfit I stopped my motive power, laid down the lines, and placin' my hand on my trooly unsellish heart I bowed humbly to her fascinations and sex.



"SHE SHOUTS AT ME IN MADNESS."

"I was hung up this way from innocent childhood, and I can't help it."

"Critic!" she replied after lookin' me over, "I hain't starvin' for nothin' extra."

"In the way of a claim?" I inquired in my perlist manner.

"No, in the way of a husband. I've lost my old man by the hand of the fell destroyer."

"We know not what an hour may bring forth, marm. We cumeth up as a sunflower, and the vigilance committee cuts us down—that is to say, it generally leaves us hangin' to a limb. Kin I be so bold as to take it?"

"My old man died in his bed," she interrupted in a proud way, "and I'm left with a claim to work and nine children to keep far. I'm lowin' myself jest two hours to find another critter."

"And ye would take up with me if I nuthin' better offered?"

"Mebbe I would, though ye look over-ripe."

"Thank ye, marm, thank ye very kindly, but my old woman weepeth and wipeth her eyes for me on our farm in Missouri. However, bein' as my mishun in this yere Cherokee strip ar' to add to the happiness of mankind, and belias"—

"Why didn't ye say so at first?" she shouts at me in madness.

"You must excuse me, marm, but"—

"But I won't!" she yells. "Critic, ye hev encouraged a pore and desolated widder woman to hope whar thar was nuthin' to hope fur, and that's a crime in this yere land which can't be overlooked. I'll see ye later!"

She set off on a gallop fur Jubilee, and I got my pureshun in order and slowly followed after. I was communin' with "THE LAW MUST BE UPHELD."

I observed a crowd cumin' out from town to greet the conkerin' hero. Some was on foot, and some was on mews, and they was so enthusiastic that I could hear 'em holler fur liberty or death a mile away. I stopped my horse and prepared to deliver my usual address, but a great surprise and disappointment awaited me. When the crowd reached me, it was headed by the woman I hev spoken of, and I had but to look upon the faces of the men to see that my grand exhibition would be postponed on account of the weather.

"Critic," said the leader of the cavalcade as they surrounded me, "this yere widder woman ar' my sister, the only sister I hev on the face of this earth."

I bowed low before him, but didn't utter no remarks. That's a time fur talkin' in Cherokee and a time to keep shut.

"She sez ye skinned her live."

"Dad rot him, he did!" added the widder.

"Feller citizens," sez I as I looks the crowd in the face, "kin I go sweepin' threw the kentry on the wings of the hurricane and leave nuthin' but the ashes of despair behind?"

"As to which!" sez the leader.

"As to hev'in a wife in Missouri and marryin' another every 40 rods as I journey along with my grand aggregation?"

"But the varmint held out false hopes!" yelled the woman.

"Durn his hide, but he acted so cated hog," putty that I figured he was my mutton!"

"Critic, the law must be upheld in Cherokee if we hev to wade in blood!" sez the leader as he motions fur the crowd to bring me along to a tree.

"But how hev I broken the law?" I demanded.

"Deludin' a widder woman. If she had reached town ten minits sooner, she'd hev got Bill McGhee fur a husband. He was on the marry and was took by a woman who can't hold a candle to my pore sister. Deludin' hain't eal to murder, but it deserves hangin' jest the same."

They kindly lowed me three minits in which to bid goodby to my educated hog, five legged wolf, jumpin' frog and exhibition grasshopper, and then they drew me up. I was hangin' awixt the heavens and the earth when one man in the crowd called out that he was willin' to marry the widder then and thar if they would spar my life. The widder sized him up and said it was a go, and I was lowered to the ground. When I recovered sunthin of my sanguine spirits, the leader steps fur'ds and sez:

"Critic, we hain't goin' to hang ye fur deludin' a widder woman, bein' as the same

has secured the wishes of her heart, but we've got to pull ye up fur the sake of them nine children of hers. They was waitin' and weepin' and cryin' fur a father, and ye wouldn't be a father to 'em. The law is fur the children and agin ye, and up ye goes!"

After I had bin putty properly hung a feller calls out that he had jest rid by the widder's claim and seen her children playin' in a mud puddle instead of waitin' and weepin', and the rope was slackened away, and I returned to the sinfulness of this yain world. I was hopin' that the crowd had been weary of well doin' when the leader sez to me:

"Critic, whence that hog of yours?"

"He's an educated hog," sez I, "and one of the feechurs of my grand aggregation."

"That's agin the law sum moral!" he yells to the crowd. "While our pore children ar' sobbin' and grievin' fur the benefits of eddication this reptile goes and eddicates a hog to be above 'em and to skorn 'em as worms of the dust. Pull him up agin!"

And I was cheerfully hauled up till my toes war off the ground, and they was goin' to make the rope fast when a feller man sings out that the hog got his eddication in Kansas and couldn't help but bring it along with him. As nobody could dispute him, they let me down agin, and as I lay thar on the airth tryin' to woo back my accustomed enthusiasm of soul the boss of the convension tenderly sez:

"Ye orter be hung fur deludin' the people with a jumpin' frog and fur eagin up a grasshopper and deprivin' a wolf of his liberty, agin nuthin' of yer panormy, which are only painted canvases and not the genuine article, but mebbe ye'll see the error of yer ways and becum a better man. Git on to yer wagon and strike a gait."

As I turned my back on the town of Jubilee and followed my educated hog to'rds the settin' sun I could not help but reflect that man which is born of woman is sinful and vain when he plans to lay up treasure on this onreliable airth.

ALISTIN KEESE.

The Wrong Man.

A elim faced man with a distressing cough was inspecting some trunks in front of a Michigan avenue store when the proprietor of the place appeared and asked:

"Looking for a trunk, sir?"

"Yes."

"Here's the best \$4 trunk ever made, and I'm the only one that sells 'em as less than \$5."

"No good," replied the palefaced man, with a sorrowful shake of his head. "One of these trunks wouldn't stand the journey from here to Jackson."

"What! I'll warrant 'em to go round the world. Take hold of one and bang it about and convince yourself."

"Do you give me leave to wrassle with one?"

"Of course I do. Take right hold."

The man with the distressing cough drew in a full breath, called out "Scho-neck-a-day," as if warning a carload of passengers, and then reached for the trunk.

Rip went one of the handles, rip went the other, and as he stood it on end and upon it and flopped it back again, one hinge broke loose and the cover split in two. With a twist of the wrist he gave it a slambing which completed the wreck, and with a howl the trunkman he joined the crowd and disappeared.

"Upon my soul," gasped the proprietor as he viewed the ruins, "but I made a big mistake in him. Had a baggage master instead of a dying traveler."—Detroit Free Press.

Impossible.

Many years ago, Noah Webster, the famous lexicographer, passed through eastern New York on horseback to visit a brother who lived in Madison county. When he reached the town in which his brother lived, he met a boy with books under his arm on his way to school.

"My son," said the learned man, "do you know where Mr. Webster lives?"

"Yes, sir," replied the boy. "He you a relative of his?"

"Yes," said the traveler, with a smile. "Well, you ain't a brother of his, are you?" inquired the boy.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Well, it can't be no way anyhow that you're the man that wrote the spellin' book, can it?" persisted the boy.

"Yes, I'm the man."

"Oh, come now," rejoined the boy, while amazement and incredulity struggled for the mastery on his sharp featured face, "that's fish story."

The old gentleman often returned to this little encounter by the roadside, as one of the most amusing reminiscences of a long horseback ride.—Youth's Companion.

Woman's Way.

The director of a Chicago bank tells how his wife ordered her account at the bank last month. "I spoke to her about it one evening," says he, "and told her she ought to adjust it at once. A day or two afterward I asked her if she had done what I suggested. 'Oh, yes,' she answered. 'I attended to that matter the very next morning after you spoke to me first of it. I sent the bank my check for the amount I had overdrawn.'"—Chicago Record.

No Cause For Alarm.

Mrs. Robinson Hill of Austin, Tex., on entering the dining room one warm day, saw something that shocked her, and to the colored lady, Matilda Snowball, whom she employs, she said, "Matilda, is that a handkerchief you have put over the butter?"

"Yes, marm. I put hit dar ter keep de flies off. Don't be skent: hit's my own handkercher."—Texas Sittings.

Signs of It.

Anxious Mother—I'm afraid Johnnie is ill.

Father—My goodness! What does he complain of?

Anxious Mother—He hasn't begun to complain yet, but I fear to lock the jam closet today, and there isn't any tulsing.

Tir-Bits.

Quite Right.

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